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READY MIX FLAVORED FILM COATING SYSTEMS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (product claims 1-9) with traverse in response to the Restriction Requirement of August 24, 2009. The restriction is justified on the basis of US 4,971,791 demonstrating the absence of a single general inventive concept between groups I and II. However, the '791 reference relates to drug polymer matrix compositions, not film forming compositions as required by claim 1. Col. 1, lines 31-42 of the reference make it clear that the reference is not related to coating compositions. Moreover, col. 4 of the reference contemplates the inclusion of sweetening agents, which are excluded from the composition of claim 1.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

52835 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE Respectfully submitted,

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